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SUBJECT: SPANGENBERG ON GDR MANIFESTO AUTHORSHIP

1. FRG PLENIPOTENTIARY FOR BERLIN SPANGENBERG TOLD ALLIED
MINISTERS 13 JANUARY THAT SECOND PART OF MANIFESTO (PUB-
LISHED IN SPIEGEL 9 JANUARY NUMBER) HAD A SINGLE AUTHOR,
AND THAT SPANGENBERG HAD KNOWN BOTH HIM AND HIS FATHER FOR
MANY YEARS. ACCORDING TO SPANGENBERG, AUTHOR IS GDR
OFFICIAL, BELOW STATE SECRETARY LEVEL, IN HIS FORTIES,
AN OPPONENT OF HONECKER'S AND SUPPORTER OF STOPH.

2. CONVERSELY, THAT PORTION OF MANIFESTO FIRST PUBLISHED
HAD A NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS, SPANGENBERG SAID. SOME ARE
YOUNG PERSONS, IDEALISTS WHO ARE BITTER ABOUT PERVERSION OF
SYSTEM IN GDR. OTHERS ARE OLD HANDS, ULBRICHT FOLLOWERS
IN STAATSSICHERHEITSDIENST ITSELF, WHO ARE BITTER FOR
OTHER REASONS (MOSTLY THEIR OWN DEMOTION) BUT WHO CAST
A CERTAIN DEGREE OF IN-HOUSE PROTECTION OVER ENTERPRISE.
STILL OTHERS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SOVIETS, WHO ARE PLAYING
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A BYZANTINE GAME RELATED TO THE THE HONECKER-ABRASIMOV
DISLIKE FOR EACH OTHER. SPANGENBERG SAID THE MANIFESTO
MANUSCRIPT TO SPIEGEL LAST OCTOBER, BUT THAT THE SOVIET
COLLABORATORS WERE WAWAY IN MOSCOW AND FINAL POLISHING-UP
HAD TO AWAIT THEIR RETURN. SPANGENBERG READILY
ADMITTED HE HAS NO CLEAR IDEA WHAT ALL THIS AMOUNTS TO
OR HOW WHOLE AFFAIR WILL END UP. HE DID SAY HE IS CON-

VINCE GDR WANTS TO CONTINUE ON BUSINESS-AS-USUAL
COURSE WITH FRG TO EXTEN POSSIBLE. GEORGE

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